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LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-12 (canceled)

13. (currently amended) A method for networked consulting, comprising:

a) establishing a predetermined group comprising two or more members;

b) receiving at a central location over a wide-area computer network, within computer network, within a predetermined first time period, a plurality of first messages from members of the predetermined group;

c) dynamically generating at least one set of queries based on at least a portion of the first messages received from the members of the predetermined group;

d) sending the at least one set of queries from the central location to the predetermined group;

e) receiving at the central location over the wide-area computer network, within a predetermined second time period, a plurality of second messages responsive to at least a portion of the set of queries;

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f) preparing at least one analysis based on a query in the set and any corresponding responses; and

g) sending the analysis from the central location to the predetermined group. ~~The method of claim 11~~

wherein step (g) comprises sending the analysis only to those members of the predetermined group that responded to the set of queries.

14. (currently amended) The method of claim 13 ~~[[11]]~~ further comprising the step of submitting the set of queries from the central location to at least one member for approval before sending the set of queries from the central location to the predetermined group.

15. (currently amended) The method of claim 13 ~~[[11]]~~ wherein step (d) further comprises sending the set of queries to a portion of the predetermined group.

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17. (currently amended) A method for networked consulting, comprising:

a) establishing a predetermined group comprising two or more members;

b) receiving at a central location over a wide-area computer network, within computer network, within a predetermined first time period, a plurality of first messages from members of the predetermined group;

c) dynamically generating at least one set of queries based on at least a portion of the first messages received from the members of the predetermined group;

d) sending the at least one set of queries from the central location to the predetermined group;

e) receiving at the central location over the wide-area computer network, within a predetermined second time period, a plurality of second messages responsive to at least a portion of the set of queries;

f) preparing at least one analysis based on a query in the set and any corresponding responses; and

g) sending the analysis from the central location to the predetermined group.

~~The method of claim 11 wherein:~~

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(i) step (a) further comprises establishing a predetermined group comprising two or more members that are required to respond to queries sent to them from a central location;

(ii) step (d) further comprises sending the set of queries from the central location to the predetermined group; and

(iii) step (g) further comprises sending the at least one analysis from the central location to the group.

18. (canceled)

19. (currently amended) A method for networked consulting comprising;

a) establishing a predetermined group comprising two or more members;

b) receiving at a central location over a wide-area computer network, within a predetermined first time period, a first message from a first member of the group;

c) dynamically defining a first query based on the first message received from the first member;

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d) sending the first query from the central location to at least a portion of the predetermined group;

e) receiving over the wide-area computer network at the central location, within a predetermined second time period, a message from a second member of the group comprising a response to the first query;

f) preparing an analysis at the central location related to the first query and the response to it; and

g) sending the analysis over the wide-area computer network from the central location to the predetermined group. ~~The method of claim 1~~ wherein step (g) further comprises sending the analysis only to said first member and those members of the predetermined group that responded to the first query.

20. (currently amended) The method of claim 19 ~~[[1]]~~ further comprising the step of submitting the first query from the central location to the first member for approval before sending the first query from the central location to the portion of the group.

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23. (currently amended) A method for networked consulting comprising;

a) establishing a predetermined group comprising two or more members;

b) receiving at a central location over a wide-area computer network, within a predetermined first time period, a first message from a first member of the group;

c) dynamically defining a first query based on the first message received from the first member;

d) sending the first query from the central location to at least a portion of the predetermined group;

e) receiving over the wide-area computer network at the central location, within a predetermined second time period, a message from a second member of the group comprising a response to the first query;

f) preparing an analysis at the central location related to the first query and the response to it; and

g) sending the analysis over the wide-area computer network from the central location to the predetermined group. ~~The method of claim 1 wherein:~~

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(i) step (a) further comprises establishing a predetermined group comprising two or more members that are required to respond to queries sent to them from a central location;

(ii) step (d) further comprises sending the first query from the central location to the predetermined group; and

(iii) step (g) further comprises sending the ~~first~~ analysis from the central ~~first~~ location to the group.

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